

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A cable arranging construction for arranging a plurality of cables in a cable guide comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular links , each said link having opposite ends defining a longitudinal direction and a cable accommodating portion extending longitudinally through the link and between the ends, the links being consecutively coupled for bending substantially in a plane and about substantially parallel axes, at least some of the cables inserted into the cable guide being flexible flat cables having a plurality of conductors arranged substantially side by side in a width direction, the flexible flat cables being stacked in a parallel array with the width directions being substantially parallel to the bending axes of the links, wherein each link has a sidewall extending parallel to the bending axes, the sidewall being formed with a slit extending between the opposite ends of the link and dimensioned for inserting the flat cable into the cable accommodating portion of the link.

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A cable arranging construction of claim 1 for arranging a plurality of cables in a cable guide comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular links , each said link having opposite ends defining a longitudinal direction and a cable accommodating portion extending longitudinally through the link and between the ends, the links being consecutively coupled for bending substantially in a plane and about substantially parallel axes, at least some of the cables inserted into the cable guide being flexible flat cables having a plurality of conductors arranged substantially side by side in a width direction, the flexible flat cables being stacked in a parallel array with the width directions being substantially parallel to the bending axes of the links, wherein the cable accommodating portion of each link includes a partition extending

parallel to the axes and dividing the inner space into a first accommodating portion for round cables and a second accommodating portion for the flat cables.

5. (previously presented) The cable arranging construction of claim 1, wherein all of the cables in the cable guide are flat cables.

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the cable accommodating portion comprises a cable-introducing portion narrower than a width dimension of the flat cable and a cable holding portion at least as wide as the flat cable.

8. (currently amended) The cable arranging construction of claim ~~6~~ 1, wherein the cable-introducing portion is between the slit and the cable holding portion.

9. (currently amended) A cable guide comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular intermediate links pivotally connected consecutively to one another, a substantially tubular vehicle body link pivotally connected to a first of said intermediate links and pivotally connectable to a vehicle body, a substantially tubular sliding door link pivotally connectable to a second of said intermediate links and pivotally connectable to a sliding door of the vehicle body, pivotal connections between the links being about substantially parallel axes, a plurality of flexible flat cables extending through said links for connecting the sliding door to the vehicle body, each of said cables having a width direction substantially parallel to the axes of the pivotal connections between the links, wherein an inner space of each link includes a partition extending parallel to the axes and dividing the inner space into a first accommodating portion for round cables and a second accommodating portion for the flat cables.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended) The cable guide of claim 9, wherein each of said links has a sidewall aligned substantially parallel to the axes of pivotal connections between the links, each said sidewall being formed with a slit dimensioned for inserting the flat cable into an inner space of the link-~~(11)~~.

12. (previously presented) The cable guide of claim 11, wherein the inner space comprises an introducing portion narrower than the flat cable and a holding portion at least as wide as the flat cable, the introducing portion being between the slit and the holding portion.

13. (currently amended) A cable guide for a plurality of flexible flat cables, each of said ~~flat-flexible~~ flat cables having a width and a thickness, the cable guide comprising: a plurality of substantially tubular links pivotally connected consecutively to one another for pivoting about substantially parallel axes, each said tubular link having an inner space, a sidewall of each link aligned parallel to the axes being formed with a slit extending into the inner space and having a width exceeding the thickness of the flexible flat cable, the inner space comprising a holding portion at least as wide as the width of the flexible flat cable.

14. (currently amended) The cable guide of claim 13, further comprising an introducing portion narrower than the width of the flexible flat cable, the introducing portion being between the slit and the holding portion.